

Quarantine/Isolation of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets: Guidelines for Rabies Prevention

This flowchart can be used by rabies response partners to determine the level of domestic animal quarantine that is recommended and whether post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is necessary.

“Exposure” is defined as a bite, scratch, or any contact with saliva or brain/nervous tissue through open cuts in the skin, scratches, or mucous membranes. Any possibility of contact with a bat is also considered a risk of rabies exposure, since bites or scratches from a bat can be too small to see or feel.

